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▶ Bruin Brad Marchand dodges Canuck Daniel Sedin during Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final at TD Garden in Boston last night.

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Canucks chased out of Boston

◐ 4-0 Bruins win in Game 4 ties Stanley Cup final at 2-2 ◐ Roberto Luongo gets yanked after allowing 4 goals on 20 shots ◐ Teams return to Vancouver for Game 5 tomorrow {pages 28 & 29}

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B.C. helps contribute to Outgames

B.C. is contributing $75,000 to the Vancouver 2011 North American Outgames, Sport Minster Ida Chong announced yesterday afternoon.

"Vancouver is a very inclusive and welcoming city and we would like to continue that legacy by supporting these games," said Chong.

More than 1,000 participants are expected to take part in the games, which take place July 25–31 at various locations throughout the Lower Mainland and Whistler.

SAHARA GIANNONE

Rough nights for city's cops

While Vancouver police have lauded the Canucks faithful for their behaviour in the streets during the Stanley Cup final, it hasn't been all good news.

Const. Jana McGuinness said three officers so far have been taken to hospital while policing the streets.

One suffered a broken nose from a punch, while a second one was also treated for facial injuries after taking a blow from a fan.

The third officer suffered a concussion from hitting his head on the ground after being shoved.

MATT KIELTYKA

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

▶ Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Jana McGuinness briefs media on charges laid in a case of alleged domestic servitude yesterday.

Couple accused of forcing servitude

Woman from Philippines forced to tend to family 24-7, police allege
Charges laid under Immigration and Refugee Protection Act

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A Vancouver couple has been accused of forcing a Filipino woman into domestic servitude, police announced yesterday.

VPD spokesperson Const. Jana McGuinness said the couple is facing charges under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for allegedly bringing over a caretaker from Hong Kong in 2008, forcing her to work around the clock and confiscating her passport.

Investigators didn't learn about the case until last year, when officers attended the family's home on an unrelated call and found out the woman's visitor visa had long expired.

"The woman was forced into domestic servitude and was working 24 hours a day, seven days a week caring for the family," McGuinness alleged.

This is the second high-profile domestic servitude case in as many months.

Last month, RCMP charged a 55-year-old West Vancouver woman and accused her of hiring a 21-year-old African immigrant and allegedly forcing her to work seven days a week in the suspect's home with no pay.

McGuinness said police rarely stumble upon cases like these.

"Speaking with our vice unit, this is one of the first cases that we've dealt with of this kind," she said. "It seems to be new to our investigators."

Charged are Oi Ling Nicole Huen and Franco Yiu Kwan Orr.

The 38-year-old victim has been granted the right to stay in Canada.

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Female Canucks fans want some respect

Male or female, a fan is a fan, women supporters say.

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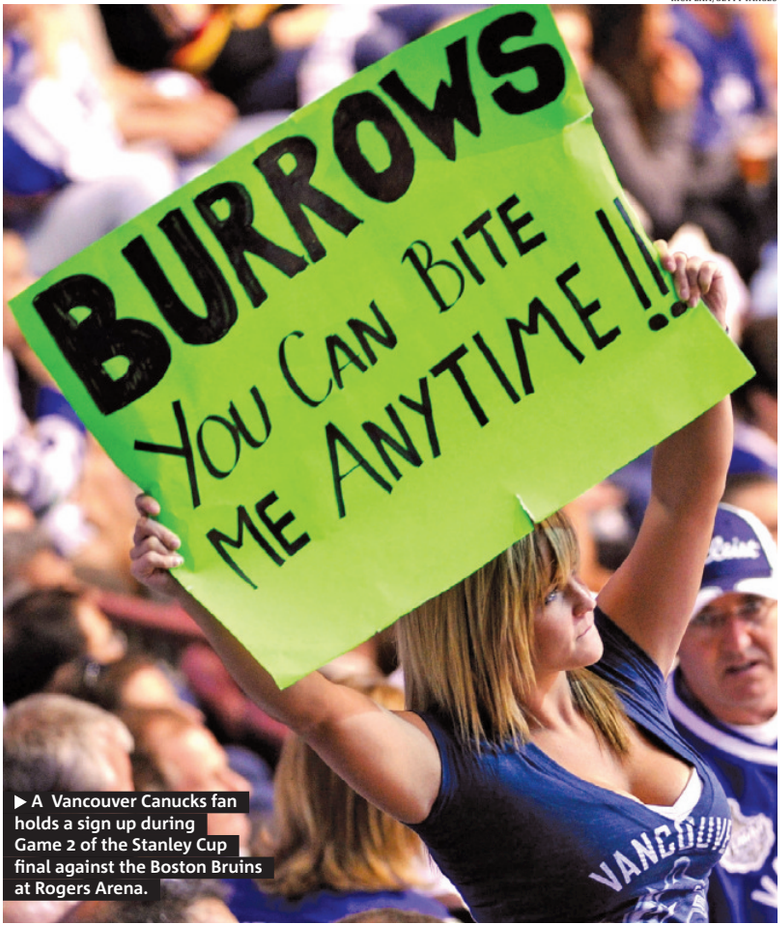

▶ A Vancouver Canucks fan holds a sign up during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final against the Boston Bruins at Rogers Arena.

Labelled with stereotypes like "bandwagoner," "puck," and "arm candy," female Canucks supporters want to be taken seriously as fans.

"I don't think there's any difference between male and female fans — they're fans," said local Canucks blogger Katie Maximick, 27, who was once called a bandwagon fan because she was new to the sport and wasn't the most knowledgeable.

"It takes years and years to learn everything about hockey. I've been watching for eight years now and I'm still figuring some stuff out."

Vancouverite Suzanne Carrier, 32, has gotten some of the same treatment.

"Everyone thinks you are just jumping on the bandwagon because it's the playoffs — I know what offside means!" said Carrier.

According to Maximick, some people do view female fans differently, and a lot of it depends on how they are dressed.

She added that many women at Rogers Arena are seen as "tag alongs" to their significant others, but "a lot of the time, having that boyfriend interested in hockey gets you officially into hockey."

"Everybody gets introduced to something in some way ... and then they sometimes become better fans than their partner, which is awesome."

Recently, much to-do was made when a Canucks fan flashed her breasts during Game 2 of the San Jose-Vancouver series.

"There are guys who run onto the field in baseball or football naked and moon people and nobody is saying that males are horrible fans."

PHOENIX LAM, CANUCKS FAN

"I think everyone has the right to express how they feel," said Canucks fan Phoenix Lam, 27.

Lam says she doesn't think people suddenly take female fans less seriously because "one person flashed her boobs."

"I think people in Vancouver are intelligent enough to understand that it's one person and it doesn't represent the fanbase in general."

JULIA DILWORTH

JEFF HODSON/METRO

60 seconds

▶ Sam Stout takes part in a media workout in Vancouver yesterday.

SAM STOUT

'IT'S A PRETTY CRAZY TIME TO BE HERE'

UFC 131 storms into Rogers Arena Saturday, a day after Game 5 of the Stanley Cup final. Metro caught up with lightweight fighter Sam Stout of London, Ont., during a media workout yesterday.

What do you think of the atmosphere in the city?
It's the first time that I've fought in Canada that I can walk down the streets without having to take a bunch of pictures and stuff. Nobody is noticing me. Everyone has Canucks fever.

How does that feel?
It doesn't bother me at all. I'm Canadian. I know how passionate everyone here is about their hockey. It's not a bad thing. I can focus on the fight and worry about what I need to be worried about. I'm sure that closer to the fight, there is still going to be some fans around and still an exciting show on Saturday night.

Any plans to watch the game?
I got offered tickets to Friday night's Canuck game, but I'm hosting an anti-bullying fundraiser at Players' Chophouse. It was pretty painful for me to have to turn down that ticket, but you've got to keep your commitments.

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Mayor shows off Surrey centre's rebirth

B.C.'s fastest-growing city positioning itself for further growth
Mayor Watts says Surrey has transformed from suburb to urban centre

Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts showed off the spoils of $3.1 billion worth of recent investment in the city centre yesterday, explaining that the skeleton upon which B.C.'s next major urban centre will grow has already been built.

"When you're moving from being a suburb to being a city of half a million people, you have to put the proper measures in place and one of those measures is a downtown core," said Watts.

With over 1,000 people moving in every month, Surrey is B.C.'s fastest-growing city, and it's attracting investments of more than just money.

"People are ... choosing to raise their families here. That's why we've got a third of our population under the age of 19," Watts said.

"It's a huge asset because we have a built-in workforce for the next generation, (but) we need to be making sure that we have the capacity for job creation."

To this end, an expansion of Surrey Memorial Hospital is expected to create 1,200 new jobs, and the city predicts that new headquarters for the RCMP E Division will add more than 2,500 jobs.

Additional future developments in downtown Surrey include a new public library, performing arts centre and city hall, as well as expansions to SFU Surrey and a multitude of new residential developments.

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▶ Mayor Dianne Watts, right, with Elizabeth Model, executive director of the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, at the Jim Pattison Outpatient Centre.

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Harper donor list gets hacked

Twitter account LulzRaft claims journalists were off line suggesting enmity toward the Conservatives

The federal Conservatives are confirming that information about party contributors was downloaded by the hackers who pranked the prime minister this week.

Party spokesman Fred DeLorey issued a statement yesterday saying data containing names, addresses and email addresses of donors was taken.

He said no "useful" credit card information was accessed, but in some cases, the first four and last four digits of credit cards were compromised.

On Tuesday, a hacker or hackers broke into the Tory website security system and posted a false alert that

"The dots connected by the media are imaginary. No discrimination by party ... we just don't like politicians."
LULZRAFT TWEET

Stephen Harper had been rushed to a Toronto hospital after choking on a hash brown.

The notice sent journalists scurrying to confirm the rumour, which proved to be a hoax.

DeLorey insisted Tuesday that the party's database and email systems were not affected by the hack.

That seemed to be taken as a taunt by the hackers, who go by the Twitter account LulzRaft.

"The Conservatives said no contributor data was accessed.... I wonder where this sample came from then!" LulzRaft tweeted yesterday morning, attaching a list of 5,631 contributors and their email addresses.

DeLorey said that although much of the information is available on the Elections Canada site, the party intends to contact people whose data was taken.

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Tragic. Killing

▶ Gilles Vanier pays his respects yesterday at the site where his colleague Patrick Limoges, 36, an innocent bystander, was shot by Montreal police officers when they opened fire on Tuesday, also killing a knife-wielding homeless man.

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Bystander shot in Que.

The Montreal police force is under scrutiny after its involvement in several shootings this year. In the latest, officers killed a homeless man and a 36-year-old hospital employee on his way to work.

Canadian killed in Mexican resort town

A Canadian man who spoke of the "beauty and splendour" of living in Mexico was found dead in his Puerto Vallarta home last week after being stabbed 25 times, Mexican media are reporting.

Leonard Francis Schell, a 62-year-old satellite TV installer, died May 30, a local news outlet said. It quoted the state attorney general's office.

The report said Schell's Mexican wife, Elba Ruiz Castro, left the morning of May 30 for an hour and returned to find a trail of blood leading to her home. Inside, she reportedly found Schell's body stabbed in the face, neck and back. Robbery is believed to be a motive. The safe was also open, and about $13,000 was missing.

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Fear of bin Laden to live on: Deputy

Osama bin Laden's deputy has issued a eulogy for the slain al-Qaida chief, saying he "terrified America" when he was alive and will continue to do so in death.

Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida's longtime No. 2, now considered its operational head, heaped praise on bin Laden, who was killed in the May 2 U.S. raid in Pakistan.

Al-Zawahri also blasted the United States for burying bin Laden at sea and urged the Pakistani people to rise against the country's military rulers and politicians, calling them traitors.

He implied the rulers had a role in bin Laden's death.

Likely al-Qaida's next leader, al-Zawahri is believed to operate from somewhere near the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier.

Al-Zawahri appeared in a white Arab robe and turban, a Kalashnikov at his side, in a 28-minute video posted on militant websites yesterday.

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Remedy hard to swallow?

Thousands of asthma sufferers gathered in southern India yesterday to swallow live sardines smeared with herbs they believe will cure them.

The treatment is offered free by a family on a day chosen by astrologers.

The Goud family says it received the secret formula from a Hindu saint about 170 years ago.

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Two pachyderms pack deadly punch

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▶ A wild elephant attacks a vehicle in Mysore, in the southern India state of Karnataka, yesterday. It was one of two elephants that went on a deadly rampage, reports said.

◗ Elephants' rampage kills man, injures others ◗ Indian city jolted

Two wild elephants have killed a man and injured other people on a rampage in southern India, news reports said.

New Delhi Television aired footage yesterday showing the body of a man at the feet of one of the animals in the city of Mysore in Karnataka state.

An elephant also kicked a cow, reports said.

Press Trust of India reported one elephant was trapped inside a farm and the other was tranquilized.

Hundreds of people die in India annually when wild animals wander into cities as their habitats shrink and they have to range farther for food. The elephants face encroachment from people who live and forage in the forests or graze cattle there.

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Species in peril

Shrinking habitats are not the only threats to elephants in Asia.

- Railways are a major danger. Elephants pass from one forest patch to another and dash against the trains and die.
- In Myanmar, demand for elephant ivory for making tourist items is higher than ever before.

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Yemen opposition seize part of city

Tribesman battle troops in Sanaa while president is out of the country U.S. worries of al-Qaida growth

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▶ Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh

Armed opposition tribesmen have seized control of part of Yemen's second-largest city, security officials said yesterday, illustrating the breakdown of authority in the country amid a potentially explosive deadlock in the capital.

With the wounded President Ali Abdullah Saleh out of the country for treatment, the United States, Saudi Arabia and the Yemeni opposition are pressing for a formal end to his rule and the formation of a new government. But so far there's been little response from Saleh's ruling party, and his allies appear to be digging in, insisting the president will return soon.

That has left Sanaa locked in an uneasy ceasefire between government forces and opposition tribesmen barricaded in their positions after two weeks of heavy battles between them killed dozens. Yesterday, tribesmen collected 10 more bodies of their fallen fighters from the streets of their main stronghold, Sanaa's Hassaba district, where most of the battles took place, a tribal spokesman said.

The United States fears that this power vacuum will give freer rein to al-Qaida's branch in Yemen — one of the terror network's most active franchises, behind two attempted terror attacks on U.S. targets.

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Who better to ask for advice?

The Weiners may be turning to the Clintons for counsel

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▶ Representative Anthony Weiner and his wife, Huma Abedin.

Bill and Hillary Clinton possess an impressive array of titles between them, from former governor of Arkansas and two-term president to current secretary of state. Can the couple now add "marriage counsellors" to the list?

Anthony Weiner and his wife, Huma Abedin, have reportedly turned to the Clintons in the aftermath of the congressman's startling confession that he's been carrying on inappropriate online relationships with several women for years, including after they tied the knot last summer.

Bill Clinton officiated over the couple's nuptials. And Abedin has worked for years for Hillary Clinton, now the U.S. secretary of state who's had her own share of public humiliations thanks to her husband's famous infidelities.

Abedin reportedly called her boss Monday afternoon, shortly after Weiner, 46, confessed privately to his wife that his Twitter and Facebook accounts had not been hacked and that he, indeed, had himself sent lewd photos, and exchanged sexy texts, with several women for years.

The 35-year-old political aide is travelling this week with Hillary Clinton on a weeklong, four-country visit to Africa. It's hard to imagine the so-called Weinergate, and the public humiliation that's come with it, won't be a primary topic of conversation between the two close friends during their downtime.

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Philippines. Schoolchildren

▶ School children from the remote village of Layag-layag, Zamboanga city in southern Philippines, disembark from their newly built boat to attend their classes for the opening of the school year. Dozens of poor children in the Philippine mangrove village no longer have to swim to school while straining to hold their books above the water. A blogger raised money through Facebook to provide boats to the community.

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Kids can take the boat to school now

Fisherman hooks skull in Austrian lake

A man fishing at an Austrian lake has hooked a macabre catch — a human skull. Police say the man pulled up the skull yesterday from the waters of Lake Neusiedel, in eastern Burgenland province.

They say the skull is undergoing forensic examination for evidence.

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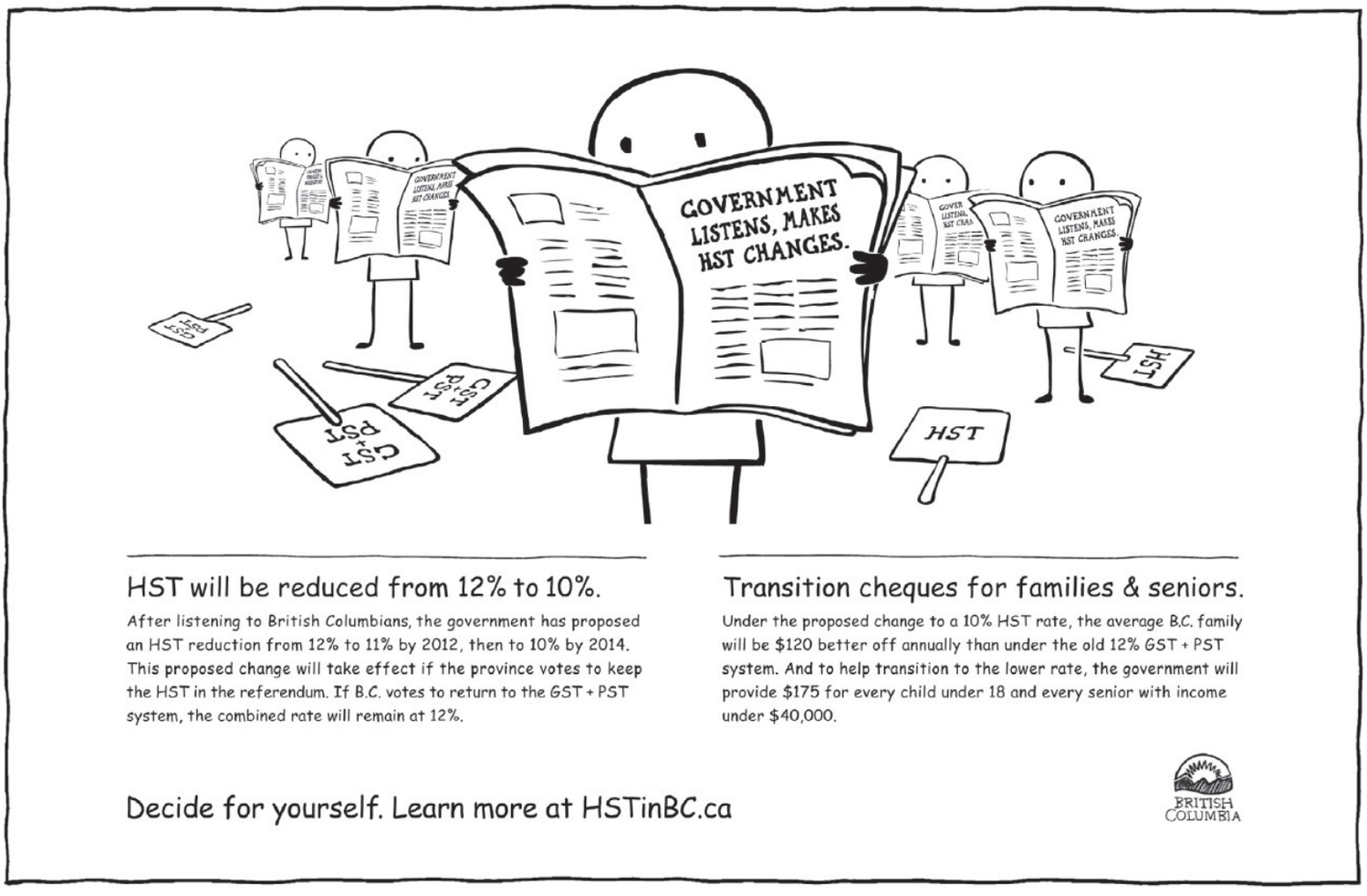

Tests verify E. coli link

Ontario man consumed local produce in Germany At least 26 dead, 2,700 sickened in Europe

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▶ Farmer Mario Walter mulches lettuce growing in his field in Nieder-Erlenbach, near Frankfurt, yesterday.

Officials confirmed yesterday that an Ontario man who consumed local produce in Germany earlier this spring has Canada's first case of E. coli linked to the deadly outbreak in Europe.

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care said laboratory tests verified that the man, from Peel Region west of Toronto, has the E. coli 0104 strain. The bug has killed at least 26 people in Europe and sickened more than 2,700.

Ministry spokesman Andrew Morrison said no other cases linked to the European outbreak have been identified in Canada.

The man, who returned to Canada at the end of May, is out of hospital and continues to recover.

No cause for the outbreak has been found, though victims have reported eating local produce.

More tests came back negative yesterday on sprout samples from an organic farm in northern Germany.

But the facility is still considered a possible source of the illness since more than 50 infected people have been tracked to that farm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inconclusive tests

- **Cucumbers were back on the radar** of German health authorities yesterday as the possible cause of the E. coli outbreak in Europe.
- **Two weeks ago,** investigators blamed cucumbers from Spain for the deadly outbreak and then later ruled them out.

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Syrian troops losing ground?

Thousands of elite troops led by Syrian President Bashar Assad's brother converged yesterday on a restive northern area, and neighbouring villages warned that the convoys of tanks were approaching, a Syrian activist said.

Syrian forces have lost control of large areas of the province, a government newspaper reported, in a rare admission of cracks in the regime's tight grip after weeks of protest calling for an end to its 40-year rule.

The reports raised the prospect of more bloodshed in Syria's crackdown on the 11-week revolt. Turkey said yesterday it would open the border to Syrians fleeing violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

10 REBELS

▶ An unidentified woman holds a portrait of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi at a rally held next to Gadhafi's Bab al-Aziziya compound in Tripoli, Libya. Among Gadhafi's most ardent loyalists are a core of Libyan women who have risen to high-profile roles in the police, military and government, and who credit him for giving them greater career opportunities than have been given to many other women elsewhere in the Arab world.

DEAD IN GADHAFI ARMY ATTACKS

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Dead fighters were manning checkpoints outside the city, official says 24 injured in heavy shelling Fighting signals escalation in 4-month-old uprising

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, increasingly cornered under a stunning upturn in NATO airstrikes, lashed back with renewed shelling of the western city of Misrata yesterday, killing 10 rebel fighters.

The international alliance said it remained determined to keep pounding Gadhafi forces from the air, but would play no military role in the transition to democratic rule in oil-rich North African country once the erratic leader's 42-year rule was ended.

In Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said Gadhafi's days in power were clearly numbered, making it imperative for the international community, the United Nations in particular, to gear up to help Libyans establish a new form of government.

The alliance said it was acting in the skies over Libya purely in accordance with the UN mandate to protect the Libyan people from Gadhafi.

The resolution did not include any involvement in post-conflict peacekeeping.

French Defence Minister Gerard Longuet said, "NATO has a military vocation and rebuilding Libya is a civilian issue. So really simply, in order to rebuild Libya, if the Libyan people ask for it, because it is first of all an issue for the Libyan people, it is the job for civilian international institutions — and not military — to bring a response."

"We do not see a lead role for NATO in Libya once this crisis is over. We see the United Nations playing a lead role in the post-Gadhafi, post-conflict scenario."

ANDERS FOGH RASMUSSEN, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL

The Libyan rebels, too, have made it clear they have no appetite to see alliance ground forces in the country once the conflict is finished.

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HE SAYS ...

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"You must be feeling better about your team," a friend said after a recent victory.

The Boston Bruins are "my team," even though I don't own them, have never played for them and, if they drafted me tomorrow, I would have to learn how to skate. But they are "my team," even here in Toronto, and I have the emotional scars to prove it.

My reply was typical: "If we win the next game I'll be less sick to my stomach."

"Oh man," she said. "The price you pay for being a true fan."

Indeed.

Unless you have recently returned from a coma and there was no television in your hospital room, you are probably aware that the Boston Bruins are in the Stanley Cup final, playing the Vancouver Canucks.

"My body is changing, too. During games, conversations not related to hockey are immediately translated to 'blah blah blah,' breathing is something that I must actively teach myself ..."

And any hard-core Bruins or Canucks supporter will tell you: Fandom is hell.

The games haven't been fun to watch for weeks — it's more like three hours of worry, except when my team scores, at which point I feel slightly less worry.

There's a reason we're called "diehards."

I'm a hard-core fan at the worst of times — February, for instance — but when your team makes a championship run strange things happen.

First, your sense of what's important changes. After Game 1, I turned to Facebook to see how my friends were responding — and hardly anyone cared. To me, it was equivalent to logging on after the Pearl Harbor attack and seeing that most people were posting kitten videos. (Of course, in reality, Facebook was abuzz after Pearl Harbor, complete with calls to "Cut and paste this status if you think this day will live in infamy!")

My body is changing, too. During games, conversations not related to hockey are immediately translated to "blah blah blah," breathing is something that I must actively teach myself, and urination is not to be attempted unless I can reach the bowl from the living room (hope springs eternal).

I'm also a snob now. I have nothing but respect for Canucks fans, but all you casually viewing, bring-the-cup-to-Canada bandwagon jumpers can bite my finger. If you didn't feel pain when they lost over the years, you don't get to feel happy when things are good. You didn't earn it.

I, on the other hand, was 13 the last time the Bruins made the Stanley Cup final and I cried openly when they lost. Being an adult now, if they lose I will cry in private. That is, if I remember to breathe.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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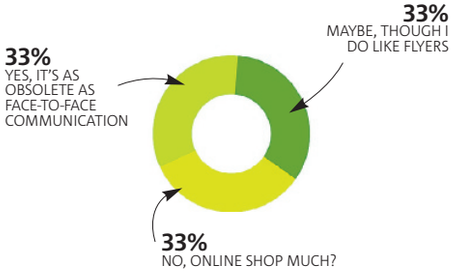

Local tweets

- **@TheStephieD:** All around #Kitsilano and #Vancouver there are people decked out #Canucks gear. I love it! Let's hope it helps tonight :)
- **@PhotographyBB:** It's beautiful! #Canucks jerseys and shirts are all over the place. Goes well with this sunshine :)
- **@accessd:** Hey Harper, you want to know how gov't can save that $4B? How about starting with NOT chartering private jets to the hockey game?
- **@dennispang:** When your team sucks, nobody hates you because nobody cares. When you're the best team (#Canucks), suddenly everyone hates you. #flattery
- **@Vancouver999:** About 12 Sedins (both bros), 6 Keslers, 1 Burrows and 1 Lou. Two '94 jerseys. On skytrain car to watch Game 4. #bringithome
- **@kmd327:** Dear #Canucks, I have faith in you. Let's just forget Monday's business and win this thing!
- **@SChandraHerbert:** We're cheering the #Canucks Stanley Cup run at Stanley's Park Bar and Grill in Stanley Park tonight. Enough Stanley's?

Worth mentioning

WASHINGTON. A solar flare erupted from the sun in an impressive display captured by NASA cameras, but scientists say the medium-sized event will have a minimal impact, if any, on Earth.

The flare peaked early Tuesday and created a large cloud that appeared to cover almost half the surface of the sun, NASA said. A cloud of charged particles erupted from the sun's outer atmosphere and was expected to pass by Earth late yesterday or early today, causing a minor disruption to Earth's magnetic field, according to the U.S. National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center

"This wasn't really such a big event," said Michael Hesse, chief of the space weather laboratory at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. "It was spectacular to watch, but not big in terms of hazards to the Earth."

Scientists have been expecting an increase in solar activity because the sun is moving into a more volatile period of an 11-year cycle in which its magnetic field reverses its orientation.

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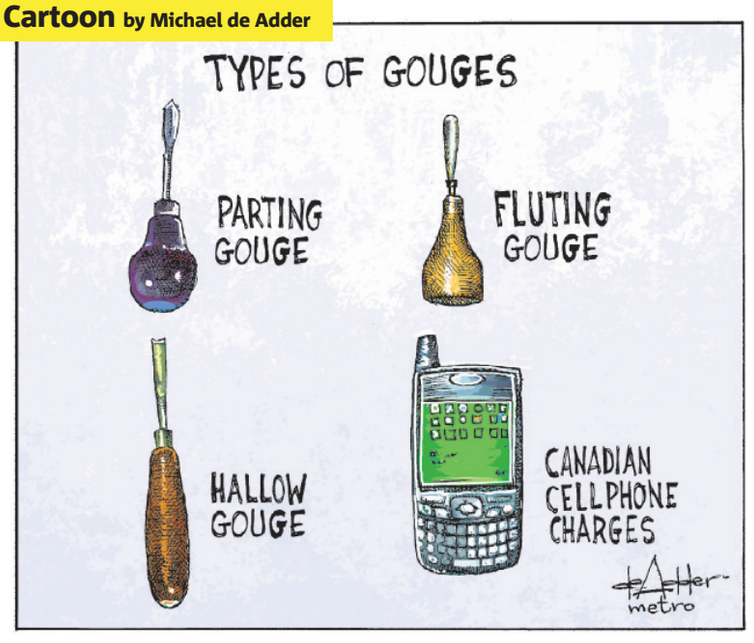

WEIRD NEWS

More 'garbage' being added to Facebook

Now on Facebook: Your garbage.

Five households have signed up for a Newcastle University (in the northeast of England) program announced yesterday that puts photographs of every item placed in a garbage can on Facebook in a bid to raise consciousness about recycling efforts.

It uses a sensor and a camera phone to record the image each time the garbage can lid is shut. The person who does that is not photographed.

Households that participate will be rated on how efficiently they recycle.

Early results are encouraging, researchers said, as the amount of garbage thrown away and not recycled has diminished in the weeks since the program began.

But the privacy advocacy group Big Brother Watch is raising concerns about the pilot project.

"This sounds like an elaborate joke — except it isn't," said director Daniel Hamilton. "Encouraging recycling is fine, but publicly humiliating those who choose not to is outrageous."

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New standard for Net

Global test combats shortage of Internet addresses Facebook and Google expected that the majority of their users would not be affected

If Google or Facebook seemed to load a little slower than normal for you yesterday, it probably wasn't your imagination.

Yesterday was World IPv6 Day, a global test of a new standard designed to thwart the looming shortage of Internet addresses.

The previous standard, IPv4, made room for 4.3 billion addresses — not the www-type, but numerical identifiers that enable devices to communicate with one another online.

Billions of addresses seemed like more than enough when the system was implemented in the 1980s. But experts say those addresses could run out sometime this year and have been pushing the world to adopt the new system.

The new IPv6 standard can handle 340 undecillion addresses, or 340,282,366,920,938,463, 374,607,431,768,211,456, to be exact.

Some of the web's biggest superpowers, including Google, Facebook and Yahoo!, were among the sites participating.

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Canada's players

The Canadian Internet Registration Authority, the British Columbia government and CANARIE, Canada's advanced research and education networks, are among those participating in the test.

Sales. Slump

Clerks wait for their transportation at a car dealer in Shanghai yesterday. Foreign automakers are seeing mixed sales trends as the world's biggest market for new vehicles cools after years of growth.

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Cash for China's clunkers

China announced yesterday that it will pay up to nearly $2,800 for old scrap vehicles to boost sales that slumped by about 14 per cent in May.

Rogers to speed up its network

Rogers Communications Inc. will launch its new, faster network in Ottawa this summer, giving consumers a mobile broadband experience similar to home or at work.

Rogers said yesterday that the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) network will also be rolled out in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver this year and in 25 other markets next year.

Customers will have to buy data sticks for devices such as laptops. Rogers' LTE network will have speeds that are three to four times faster than its existing most advanced network.

The global wireless industry is moving to LTE technology, ideal for data-centric activities like streaming video, watching TV and listening to music.

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Canadian roaming fees high: Report

A new OECD report suggests Canadians are paying some of the highest prices in the world for roaming data usage.

Pricing for 68 operators worldwide was compared, and, in one case, Canadians faced the priciest roaming charges.

When estimating the cost of one megabyte of data in one downloading session, Canadians faced an average price of $24.11, the highest of all the OECD countries.

The next costliest rates were $21.61 for Americans and $19.44 for Mexicans. The cheapest price was $4.08 per megabyte for Greek consumers, while the average price was $13.24.

In another test, comparing the price to consume one megabyte of data over five different days, Canada ranked fifth most expensive. However, in a test of pricing for using five megabytes of data over five days Canada was not among the most expensive.

The report notes there is a strong case to be made for consumers to be protected against unintentional data usage. It also suggests more competition could help reduce pricing.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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E-readers collecting dust in Canada

The relationship some fickle Canadians have had with their e-readers may be waning — a short, passionate affair that came to an end when their eye was caught by something younger, sexier and more flexible.

Bob Levesque, of Mississauga, Ont., remembers longing for an Amazon Kindle when it was forbidden fruit, only available in the United States, and jumping in with both feet when the device started being sold north of the border in 2009.

Now, his Kindle is collecting dust, spurned in favour of a seductive tablet computer that can handle e-books from a wider array of sources.

"I also do a lot of different things with the iPad. So I may not be (only) reading at one sitting. I may be doing three different things."

BOB LEVESQUE, OF MISSISSAUGA, ONT., WHOSE KINDLE IS COLLECTING DUST

"I can get books and magazines from anywhere I want. I'm not limited to Amazon, so I search around now for the best price on books," Levesque says.

It appears Levesque is not alone. A recent report from The NPD Group suggests six per cent of Canadians have purchased a tablet in the brief time they have been available here. That's the same percentage of people who own an e-reader.

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A customer holds his new Apple Inc.'s iPad 2 tablet computer at a shop in Hong Kong, Friday, April 29.

Two-thirds of respondents in the survey said their tablet was bought to replace another device.

Half of tablet owners who responded to the survey said they were using their devices between two and six hours a day, while 38 per cent of e-reader owners reported using them a few hours per week or less.

Yet the e-reader is far from dead. The NPD study also suggests e-reader sales will continue to rise globally, even though they are expected to be eclipsed by tablets.

E-readers continue to be popular thanks in large part to their much lower cost, the study suggests. It's easier to plunk down $160 to give your son or daughter an e-reader for their birthday than to shell out $650 for a tablet.

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▶ Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz is at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre until June 26.

Have a Wicked good time

Stage show takes the tale from the Wizard of Oz and puts in the perspective of the witches

BACKSTAGE PASS

GRAEME MCRANOR
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Go off to see the witches, the wonderful witches of Oz. Yes, everyone has a backstory. And this one has crowds across the land clapping in agreement: Wicked is wicked good.

The touring production, which is based on the novel Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West by Gregory Maguire, a parallel novel of the 1939 film The Wizard of Oz and L. Frank Baum's story The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, examines the classic tale from the witches' point of view.

Here the Wicked Witch of the West is known as Elphaba, a misunderstood soul whose bad behaviour was a reaction against a charlatan wizard's corrupt government.

"She's this incredible girl who's green and doesn't fit in," says Winnie Holzman, who wrote the book (libretto) for the musical. "And (she's) very different."

It's also explores her unlikely relationship with the beautiful and ambitious Glinda, who eventually becomes the Good Witch of the North.

The show, in its eighth year on Broadway, broke box-office records in London and has two touring productions that have been seen by more than 2-million people.

Wicked: The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz is at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre until June 26. Tickets, $48 to $154.15, available at Ticketmaster.ca or 1-855-985-5000.

Hot concerts

▶ **Hot Chilis.** Red Hot Chili Peppers will be releasing their 10th studio album, I'm With You, Aug. 30. It's being produced by Rick Rubin, who's had the job for the band's previous five albums. It's the band's first new album since 2006's

Stadium Arcadium.

▶ **Pucker those lips.** The Black Lips perform at the Commodore (988 Granville St.) Wednesday, June 15, with guests Cerebral Ballzy and Indian Wars. Doors at 8:00 p.m./show starts at 9:00 p.m. Tickets $19.50 at Zulu, Red Cat Records and LiveNation.com.

Pegg's memoir shows that he is proud to be a geek

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away — the west of England in the 1970s — there lived a boy named Simon Pegg.

He loved zombies, The Six Million Dollar Man and Star Wars, and dreamed of travelling far from his home to a remote and exotic world. Eventually, he got there: Hollywood.

The writer-actor behind geek-pleasing comedies Shaun of the Dead, Hot Fuzz and Paul — as well as portraying a young Scotty in the rebooted Star Trek film franchise — Pegg has come a long way from the provincial town of Gloucester, a journey he recounts in the memoir Nerd Do Well, out this week. The book offers a view of the movie industry from someone who is both an insider and an unabashed fan. It's also a journey through Pegg's formative influences, complete with digressions, flights of fantasy and strongly held opinions.

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▶ Simon Pegg

For Pegg, zombies are the greatest monsters ever, Star Wars a "childhood obsession" and a major creative influence — and George Lucas' lacklustre 1999 prequel The Phantom Menace a personal betrayal.

"I felt indignant," Pegg said, still nursing the sting more than a decade later.

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Scene in brief

The story about U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's use of Twitter to send a lewd photo to a woman has been awkward for comic Jon Stewart, a friend of the congressman's. On Tuesday, it proved painful.

Stewart broke a glass and gashed his wrist while taping a Weiner skit on The Daily Show. The taping was briefly stopped so a bleeding Stewart could get medical attention, then resumed after he was bandaged up.

Stewart and Weiner briefly roomed together when they were younger, a point The Daily Show host noted over the past week. That hasn't stopped Stewart from making fun of his friend.

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These are the cool kids

Jim Parsons and the creators of The Big Bang Theory set out to tell a story about "remarkable minds." Lucky for them, dorks are in style

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When The Big Bang Theory debuted in 2007, it wasn't expected to be a massive success.

The show didn't have the pretty people of Friends or the snark of Seinfeld. Instead, we got two nerdy physicist roommates (Johnny Galecki as Leonard and Jim Parsons as Sheldon), their homely friends and one hot blonde (Kaley Cuoco as Penny).

OK, maybe the hot blonde helped ratings. But audiences worldwide are most attracted by the nerd humour.

We talked to Parsons and co-creators Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady about how they pull it off.

▶ Parsons

On learning the scientific jargon of the show:
PARSONS: It was a lot of memorization. It was a lot of writing down lines. It was a lot of — a pronouncing dictionary, but it was a pleasure. It was a lot of takes. No, it wasn't. I did very well. It's a wonderful thing, actually, that many words because it's something good to rely on when you get out there. You got that behind you. You don't have to think as much.

On the Sheldon/Penny relationship:
LORRE: I think she's domesticating him in a way. She's softening the edges. I think the whole process of the series is — the ensemble is his umbilical cord to reality. We kind of found it as we went that a Penny/Sheldon relationship is wonderful, again, in that they are so very different.

On Johnny Galecki's character torn between the "geek" world and "real" world:
PRADY: Yeah. Well, I mean, he was always designed to be the centre torn between two worlds, between Sheldon, who is saying "Retreat. Retreat. We are fine here with just, you know, Internet games and science," and Penny, who is saying "There's a world out there. Come take a look at it." And he's the character in — I guess most in motion.

On the origins of the show:
LORRE: Bill and I started this out with the goal of writing about remarkable minds, people that were spectacular in their vision and their ability to see things that we can't see.

And, you know, that somehow gets categorized as nerds and geeks and whatnot, but that's not where we started from.

The fact that that's kind of happening in the culture right now is kind of — we kind of find ourselves caught up in it, but that's fine, you know.

The comedy is in their inability to deal with everything that we take for granted.

JESSE EISENBERG
OSCAR-NOMINATED GEEK

This summer, Jesse Eisenberg, Oscar-nominated for The Social Network, stars in the heist comedy 30 Minutes or Less
But we talked to him about being a nerd

Metro interview

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How do you feel, always being tapped for these nervous, fidgety roles?
Well, it's great because if you don't have inner conflict, then it's not an interesting character to play.

It's more interesting to me if the character feels conflicted, which may appear as discomfort or anger or may appear as sadness, so in this respect, I don't mind being tapped for that because that's what makes those characters interesting to me.

You also come off as smart — another nerdy quality.
My father is a professor and my mother is also a teacher and my girlfriend and friends are teachers so I suppose I come from an articulate background and that's what people see. I come from a background where it was important to be articulate and thoughtful.

I heard you play the drums.
I used to play the drums but I'm bad at it. I play the piano.

Trying to learn the drums made me realize why so many drummers are cokeheads. You need so much energy.
I don't like playing more than one song. It's tiring. So they do cocaine before they go on stage?

That makes sense. I wonder if you could trace the cocaine to the faster beats of the 80s. When cocaine became popular, did the drums become faster?

And like acid, Grateful Dead of course and then Phish, they take a lot of mushrooms, fans of that band Phish.

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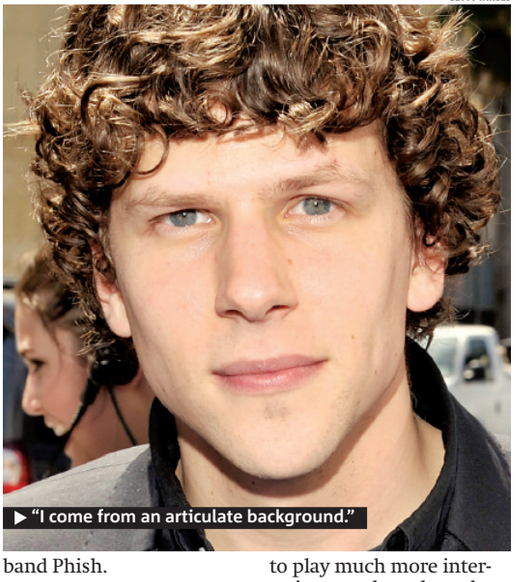

"I come from an articulate background."

What's a role you'd want to play that's unlike anything you've done?
I write plays. When I write a play, I write for myself and it's a role I want to play but as an actor being hired by others, I've gotten to play much more interesting people and much more dimensional characters than I ever expected to play. I never thought I'd be in a movie like Adventureland, which is like a more traditional romantic movie. I was raised to not think of myself as a sexual being so to be in that surprised me. I feel very fortunate to have been in things even though I was not raised to be sexual. Like a eunuch almost. I was supposed to get circumcised but he castrated me. They cut too much off, the whole thing really.

Twitter nerds

- **Aziz Ansari:** "Has anyone successfully solved the Netflix N8007 error where Silverlight closes unexpectedly? No luck with Google, tech support, etc."
- **Wired editor Chris Anderson:** "Woohoo! Autodesk's awesome new 3-D authoring tool, 123D, is out. And free."
- **Judd Apatow, director of 40-Year-Old Virgin and Knocked Up:** "There is no volume of fart that will wake my beautiful daughter."
- **Tina Fey:** She has a Twitter account but never uses it. That's how nerdy she is.

GOOGLE

A tribute to Roger Hargreaves.

She's a Google Doodler

Yes, that is Jennifer Holm's official title. She's responsible for the surprise themed logos that appear on Google, often around special occasions. What a cool nerd.

"If I wasn't a nerd, I certainly wouldn't be as passionate about my job." JENNIFER HOLM

I just called you a nerd. How does that make you feel?
Firstly, that makes me giggle. Secondly, I'm quite proud of it! If I wasn't a nerd, I certainly wouldn't be as passionate about my job.

What would you say is the dorkiest Google logo — maybe one it took time for people to "get"?
UNIX operating system doodle has definitive "start date" (like a computer's understanding of the beginning of time, which happened to be Jan. 1, 1970) and we decided to create a doodle to mark the 123,456,789th second that has passed since then.

This doodle launched for only a few minutes back in 2009 and is, in my opinion, the dorkiest doodle we've ever launched. Though I didn't quite "get" it at first, I certainly had an "a-ha" moment when I later learned what the doodle was celebrating.

Where do you see digital art going? Will the new Degas be made using a computer — and be accepted by museums and art critics as something on par with more "traditional" materials?
Both digital and traditional media have their pros and cons. The advantage of traditional media (in the eyes of many galleries and museums at least) is that it is unique in its physical existence — there is one copy, an "original," which adds value to the piece.

The advantage of digital, however, is its speed and interactivity. There is speed in that it is faster to create something and also faster to share and gain a larger audience.

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Holm at work.

Justin and Selena turning heads

Now that they've gone public with their relationship, Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez reportedly can't seem to stop public displays of affection — and it's starting to bug some bystanders, according to Hollyscoop.

"They made out for about three minutes and kind of weirded people out," a source says of the couple's behaviour at the MTV Movie Awards.

"They used a lot of tongue and acted like there was no one else in the room."

Last week, the pair shared many public make-out sessions. METRO

▶ Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez.

Talking points

Simon Cowell takes the blame

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS Simon Cowell is taking full responsibility for Cheryl Cole's departure from the U.S. X Factor turning into a circus, according to the Sun.

"The feeling was that she was slightly out of her comfort zone in America," he explains to the Sun.

"The intention was to do it quietly and say to her she had an option to rejoin the U.K. show. ... At the end of the day we were saying, 'Move to another show for even more money.' There was an offer of around ($4.1 million) on the table including bonuses. How is that (firing) someone?" METRO

Celebrity tweets

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"Been potty training my 3yr old. I feel like I'm part of some kind of fraternity hazing.I'm just not sure who's the pledge & who's the member"

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"Dream so damn big that people laugh in your face. Then prove them all wrong! My hero Richard Branson does just that. I hope to follow...U?"

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"gave up on getting my old phone back. bought another one. i will be tweeting my ass off once again. missed you. love you!"

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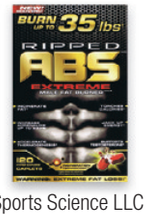

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High waisted jeans, ghetto girl earrings

- Jessie J deconstructs her trademark, '90s-influenced style
- She loves bold lipsticks, shoulder pads and Vivienne Westwood

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"It's funny because I never thought of myself as a style icon," Jessie J says over the phone from her bedroom with two giggling friends in the background. We're talking about her trademark, in-your-face look that she likes to call "ghetto chic."

For the record, the words "style icon," are hers, not mine. During the course of our chat, I never mentioned it. But it seems she's heard herself described as such enough times that she feels the need to comment on the label. Born Jessica Ellen Cornish, the British singer songwriter star has a personal style that is as memorable as her commanding, pliable voice. She's definitely the most style-y of England's ever-growing crop of talented soul singers (Adele, Amy Winehouse, Duffy, the list goes on.)

"It was never like, I need a gimmick. I need a look. I've always had the hair, lipstick, long nails. I've always looked this way before I was out there," she says as she packs a glittery, shoulder-padded catsuit into her suitcase for an upcoming show in the Bahamas.

"I did hair modeling for three or four years. I had green and blue hair, a Mohawk, but I always kept coming back to this bob. It's like my comfort blanket," she says, before pointing out that she's actually a natural blonde.

And she's always styled herself. Since she's released her critically loved album, Who You Are, the 23-year-old has been exposed to more influences. So as opposed to a few years ago, she can now mix in, say, Vivienne Westwood and Chanel into her usual mix of vintage and high street clothes.

"I love teaming high fashion with something like massive tacky gold earrings. I grew up watching people like TLC and Whitney Houston in the high-waisted jeans. All of that had an effect on me."

▶ "I love teaming high fashion with something like massive, tacky gold earrings," says Jessie J.

The building blocks

Jessie J lists the wardrobe staples she can't live without.

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"I've always worn high waisted things. They work well on me because I don't really have hips. I just have a bit of a bum.

3 life

Going Gaga

Lady Gaga accepted the year's top style icon award at Monday night's Council of Fashion Designers of America awards.

"All of you made me feel like a star before I was," she told the audience at Lincoln Center.

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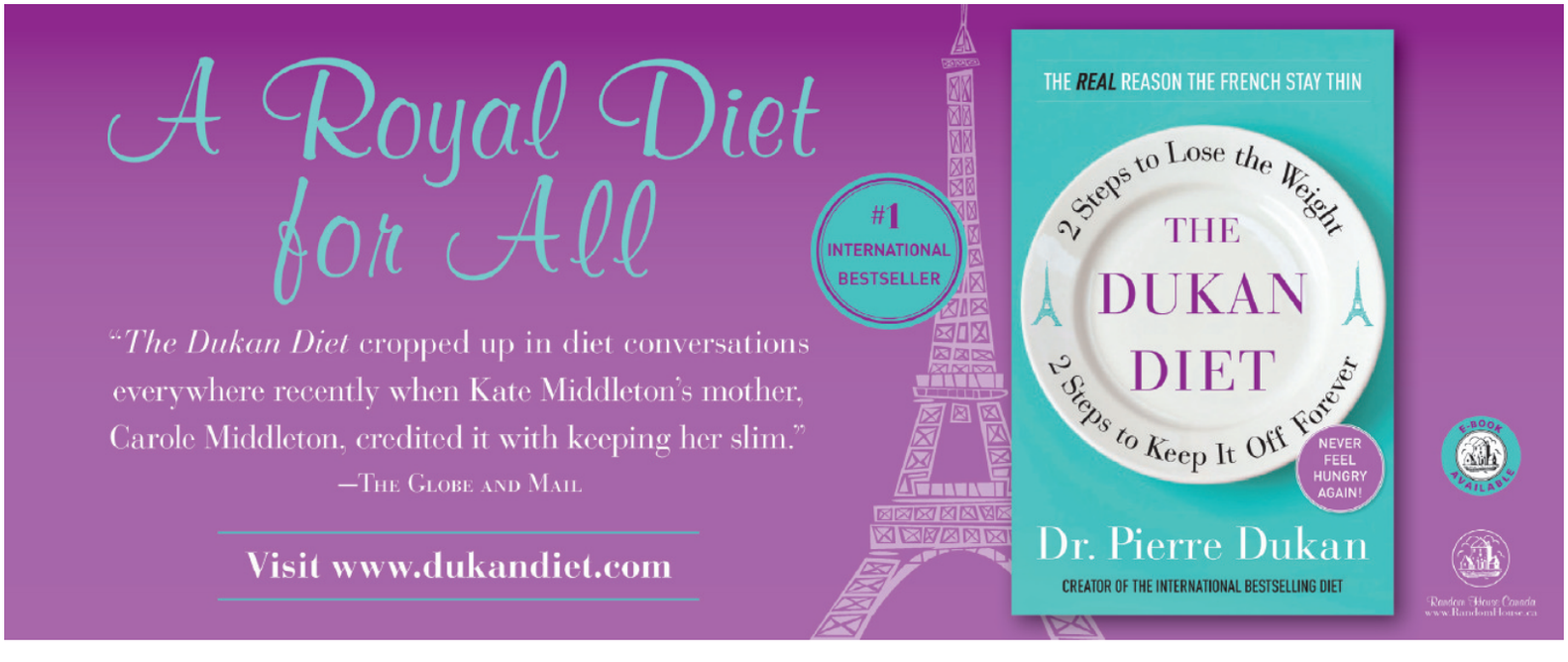
Program supporting new Canadian designers could help them land Fashion Week show



From tackle box to the hair salon

Fly shop feathers disappear from shelves amid hair extension craze

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A fishy fashionista gets her hair done with tackle.

Fly shop manager Jim Bernstein was warned that hair stylists would come banging on his door, but he didn't listen.

Sure enough, less than 24 hours later, a woman walked into the Eldredge Bros. Fly Shop in Maine and made a beeline toward a display of hackles — the long, skinny rooster feathers fishermen use to make lures.

"She brought a bunch up to the counter and asked if I could get them in pink," he said. "That's when I knew."

Fly fishing shops across the U.S., he learned, are at the centre of the latest hair trend: Feather extensions. Supplies at stores from the coasts of Maine to landlocked Idaho are running out and some feathers sold online are fetching hundreds of dollars more than the usual prices.

"I'm looking around the shop thinking hmmm, what else can they put in their hair?" Bernstein said.

"She brought a bunch up to the counter and asked if I could get them in pink. That's when I knew"
JIM BERNSTEIN, FLY SHOP MANAGER

Fly fishermen are not happy, bemoaning the trend in online message boards and sneering at so-called "feather ladies." Some also blame American Idol judge and rocker Steven Tyler, who began wearing the feathers in his long hair.

"It takes years and years and years to develop these chickens to grow these feathers. And now, instead of ending up on a fly, it's going into women's hair," said Matt Brower, a guide and assistant manager at Idaho Angler in Boise.

"I think that's the reason a lot of people are a little peeved about it," he said.

The feathers are not easy to come by in the first place.

They come from roosters that are genetically bred and raised for their plumage. In most cases, the birds do not survive the plucking.

At Whiting Farms Inc., in western Colorado, one of the world's largest producers of fly tying feathers, the roosters live about a year while their saddle feathers — the ones on the bird's backside and the most popular for hair extensions — grow as long as possible. Then the animal is euthanized.

As hair extensions, the feathers can be brushed, blow dried, straightened and curled once they are snapped into place. Most salons sell the feather strands for $5 to $10 a piece. The trend has become so popular a company online even sells feather extensions for dogs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Bright and bold is best

Bid adieu to paler shades this summer season

Summer is typically the time to be more adventurous with colour, almost never more true than this season when it seems the style mantra is brighter is better.

"We're talking about bright pinks and fuchsias, tangerines, deep purples, turquoise, cobalt blue in particular and bright yellow — all these unexpected pops of colour," said Liv Judd, Toronto market editor for LouLou magazine.

And don't feel restricted to just one shade — Judd said you can team contrasting colours together, like a cobalt blue top and emerald green skirt. But she suggests a limit of three hues if you're going to put various colours together, such as one each for the top and bottom of your outfit along with a shoe in a different hue.

For those who are a bit more colour-shy, consider rooting the brighter shades in your favourite neutral, like pairing a colourful belt with grey cropped pants or shorts, suggested Tara Wickwire, director of public relations for Gap Inc. in Canada.

"You're wearing colour, you look like you're on trend for the season, but you don't have to go head-to-toe over-the-top with it," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Decor tricks to sell your home

- **Hopes of selling start to dwindle after the first few weeks of having your property on the market**
- **Knowing how to present your home in a smart and attractive way will create a more sellable house**

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The world's a stage so decorate it well.

For many selling their homes it can be a stressful time. Got a house listed that isn't selling?

Other than adjusting the asking price the next best thing is to create a better presentation of your place.

Here are my tips on how to prep your stale house and turn it into an irresistible and marketable home.

Yard sale before home sale

It's the easiest way to say goodbye to the excess stuff that has been building up in your place.

Have a yard sale for the small stuff, post expensive items like furniture and collectables on Craigslist and donate excess clothing, shoes and books to a local church or charity.

The Canadian Diabetes Society will arrange pick up for free in most major cities.

Edit possessions

Remove all photos, vacation momentos, collections and anything that will distract a potential buyer from envisioning the house as their own.

Take away religious items and anything that may be offensive (artful nudes, liquor, gambling, hunting, etc).

Still got your over scaled wedding portrait hung over the sofa? Get rid of it; run to HomeSense and hang an inexpensive mirror or neutral print.

Brighten and lighten

Paint away strong, dark or bold wall colours with lighter, softer colours. Popular colours include cream, pale grey and light taupe. Increase your light wattage to a minimum of 80 watts.

Showing a home during winter months or in the evening will demand brighter lights to make your home look light and airy. Remove heavy draperies and coloured blinds to show off more wall space and allow windows to feel lighter/brighter.

Hire a cleaning person. Nothing sells a house better than cleanliness. Having a cleaner at your house during a showing might just ensure to a potential buyer that you are selling a well-maintained house. Maybe its time to rent a maid's outfit?

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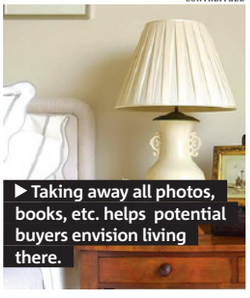

▶ Taking away all photos, books, etc. helps potential buyers envision living there.

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▶ Make sure young children and pets are visiting a neighbour during home inspections and open houses.

Designer tricks

- **Lower** all of the picture hanging nails one to two inches. The lower artwork will give the illusion that the ceilings are taller; a feature that all potential buyers seem to like these days.
- **Up** all the light bulbs to at least 80 watts. Creating bright and cheery rooms is what potential buyers like.
- **Add** fresh house plants and flowers. Make it look like your house is alive and filled with clean air. Beautiful shiny house plants are less than $20 and give the illusion of a healthy environment.

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▶ A little planning can help you create the perfect 'outdoor room' for fine dining on warm summer nights.

Eating outside in style

HGTV host Jamie Durie gives Metro readers some tips on dining alfresco

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Jamie Durie's new book, The Outdoor Room, argues for a more thoughtful approach to outside spaces.

Metro caught up with the horticulturalist and HGTV host for some tips.

Have a plan

Before you start, know what you want. Even the tiniest outdoor space has fine-dining potential — if that's what you're looking for.

"The best place to start is to ask yourself what you want to do in your outdoor room," says Durie.

"Will you be entertaining or relaxing — or both? Do you need a formal dining setting, or will a casual modular lounge be more appropriate?"

Say no to plastic

Even if you're just looking for a place to eat burgers, flimsy plastic chairs are mood-killers.

Durie recommends wood furniture for its sophisticated look and eco-friendliness.

"It works in with any style [and] is soft to the touch; and the natural grain is hard to top. Timber does need to be oiled a couple of times a year to protect and extend the life of the product."

Put your garden to work

Blooms are always nice, but remember to include some functional greenery near your grill, Durie advises.

"Think about installing a vertical garden wall close by, planted with assorted herbs," she adds.

"While you cook, you can just reach out and pluck fresh herbs straight out of the garden to toss on the sizzling food or use as ultra-fresh garnishes for serving."

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Pan Seared Beef Bavette

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Bring the bistro home with this pan-seared steak featuring bottom sirloin. It tastes like a million bucks but won't break the bank.

Pan searing is a technique that's perfect for last-minute entertaining, requiring little effort and time to prepare and cook.

Preparation:

1. Season steaks all over with five spice powder, salt and pepper. Then in a large stainless-steel or cast-iron skillet, heat butter and oil over medium-high heat.
2. Add steaks. Sear and cook until golden brown and medium-rare, 3 to 6 minutes per side.
3. Return skillet to medium-high heat. Add broth, maple syrup and chili-garlic sauce; bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits from bottom of pan.
4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl or cup, mix cornstarch with 10 ml (2 tsp) water; whisk into sauce and cook until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in green onions. Serve drizzled over steaks.

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Ingredients:

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) beef bottom sirloin steaks
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) Chinese five spice powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 10 ml (2 tsp) each butter and vegetable oil
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) maple syrup
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Asian chili-garlic sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cornstarch
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

Forget the side dish!

Skip the fatty carbs This Summer Salad and Pan Seared Beef Bavette make a filling meal on their own

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This salad pops with a spicy jalapeno-yogurt dressing.

For Michael Symon, award-winning restaurateur and Food Network Iron Chef, great salads go far beyond a pile of greens.

"A great salad ... should be something that really highlights the season and the vegetables that are at their peak at that time," says Symon,

Symon offers this summer salad inspired by what grows in his garden.

Preparation:

1. Dressing: In bowl, combine garlic, jalapeno, yogurt and vinegar. Whisk in olive oil; stir in mint and parsley. Set aside.
2. In bowl, combine arugula, tomatoes, cucumber, scallions, almonds and faro. Drizzle with dressing, toss to coat.

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Ingredients:

Dressing

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) plain Greek-style yogurt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Salad

- 500 ml (2 cups) arugula
- 500 g (1 lb) tomatoes, sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced cucumber
- 4 scallions, grilled and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
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▶ Vancouver's Raffi Torres, centre, hangs his head during Game 4 in Boston last night.

The Vancouver Canucks are heading home in search of answers after letting the Boston Bruins back in the Stanley Cup final.

Tim Thomas was unbeatable and Rich Peverley scored twice last night as the Bruins steamrolled Vancouver 4-0, making the Canucks look ordinary for the second straight game and tying the series 2-2.

"Every time we've faced adversity as a team, we rose to the challenge," Thomas said. "We needed to do that one more time because we were down 2-0 and we've done that for two games. The challenge for us is that we need to keep doing that."

Alain Vigneault removed starter Roberto Luongo after he surrendered four goals on 20 shots in Game 4 and will now face more questions about whether Luongo or backup Cory Schneider will start Game 5 at Rogers Arena tomorrow.

"It was a tough one," said Luongo. "Three of the goals went off something and in."

Vigneault stood by his starting goaltender after the game.

"Lou's going to be fine," Vigneault said. "He's one of the best goaltenders in the league and we have a lot of trust and faith in his ability to play well."

But goaltending is far from the only question hovering over the team.

A once-potent power play has disappeared as Vancouver failed to convert on six more opportunities and now sits at just 1-for-22 in the series.

"We've got to solve Thomas, that's the thing," Canucks captain Henrik Sedin said.

The team's star players have yet to make much of an impact in the series. Ryan Kesler, who generated Conn Smythe talk heading into the series, has just one assist in four games.

The Bruins have been getting contributions throughout their lineup with goals from Michael Ryder and Brad Marchand to go with the pair by Peverley.

Thomas has been the best player in black and yellow, allowing just five goals on 146 shots in the series. He made another 38 saves in Game 4.

"Anyone who knows the story of Tim Thomas, he's taken a real bumpy road to get to the NHL," said Bruins coach Claude Julien. "He's had so many obstacles to overcome. It makes him a battler, it makes him the perfect goaltender for our organization."

With Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the stands, the Canucks were undone by another poor second period. Goals 2:18 apart by Ryder and Marchand just past the midway point of the game gave Boston a 3-0 lead and elicited derisive chants of "Luuuuuongo" from the Boston crowd. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"We're not getting the breaks, so it's just a matter of staying focused. We've got home-ice advantage for a reason."
VANCOUVER GOALTENDER ROBERTO LUONGO

12-1
The Bruins outscored the Canucks 12-1 in Games 2 and 3 at the hostile TD Garden.

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▶ Henrik Sedin

Sedin twins struggling in final so far

The twins sat there in their matching outfits, unable to do much of anything for the Vancouver Canucks last night in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final.

Henrik and Daniel Sedin might as well have been the Green Men.

After taking turns winning the NHL's scoring title over the past two seasons, the Sedins are coming up empty in the final against the Boston Bruins. They have combined for just two points in the first four games — a big reason why the Canucks are heading back to Vancouver with the series tied 2-2.

"They're fired up. They're playing for the Stanley Cup," Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said after Boston won 4-0. "They spent a lot of time in the other team's end with no results to show. But it's not for lack of effort. You've got to give that other team credit."

Henrik Sedin won the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP last season, when he had 29 goals and 83 assists to lead the NHL in scoring. This season, Daniel had a league-leading 104 points for Vancouver.

"We're not going to sweep someone in the final. They have too good of a team," Henrik Sedin said. "I don't think anybody can win if their top players aren't scoring. There's three games left. We can't be frustrated."

Daniel has one goal and one assist, both in Vancouver's Game 2 victory.

Daniel Sedin said he thought the Canucks "played a heck of a game" but couldn't manage to beat Tim Thomas.

"We had a few point-blank chances and just couldn't score," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"It's still going to be a tough call — and it is on the ice — but it's going to be a minor penalty, at least what we're proposing."
BRUINS GM PETER CHIARELLI. GENERAL MANAGERS DRAFTED AN AMENDMENT TO RULE 48 DURING A MEETING AT THE STANLEY CUP FINAL YESTERDAY THAT WOULD GIVE REFEREES MORE LEEWAY IN ASSESSING A PENALTY FOR HITS TO THE HEAD.

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Evolution of a jersey

New looks

Dan Mason, an expert in the business of hockey at the University of Alberta, says most teams make incremental revisions to their logos and colours from time to time, but few have had made as many complete overhauls as the Canucks since their first jerseys in 1970 featuring a simple blue ice rink with a white hockey stick on top.

"I just thought I'd be a little bit different. Everybody's got the blue jerseys and the white jerseys, (and) I thought I'd like to go a little old school."

RAY CHARLIE, NOT PICTURED, ON WHY HIS JERSEY OF CHOICE IS 1978'S FLYING V

Plate of spaghetti

Kayle Moreland, 17, prefers the jersey the Canucks wore in the 1994 final, before he was even born. "I feel that it represents Vancouver more than the current jerseys," Moreland, also not pictured, said of the jersey first introduced in 1985. "Nothing beats the yellow, black and red."

"When you see people wearing the black and the yellow and the red, they're signalling that they've been around when times weren't so good."

DAN MASON, WHO GREW UP IN B.C. WATCHING THE CANUCKS

The whale

The orca, introduced in 1997, prompted criticism at first, and some fans today say they still won't wear the logo. But judging by the ubiquitous blue jerseys that have dotted Vancouver streets throughout the playoffs, many others appear to have embraced it.

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"I think it's a reflection of the fact that, competitively, the team hasn't been that strong over the years and the owners look for different ways to reinvigorate the brand."

DAN MASON, ON WHY THE TEAM HAS GONE THOUGH SO MANY LOOKS

Jacket hangs as tribute to Horton

It's one of those goofy, dressing-room rituals that builds camaraderie and generates a few laughs. But circumstances have made it mean much more than that.

Now, a regrettably ugly, vintage Bruins jacket is a poignant inspiration as it hangs in Nathan Horton's unused stall, likely for the remainder of the Stanley Cup final.

It's supposed to be presented to the Bruins' player of the game after each win, but it won't move until Horton, out with a severe concussion, is back to unhook it himself.

"(Horton) has been a warrior all year and it was his jacket to give away," said winger Brad Marchand. "We're not going to give it away without him."

"It's in (Horton's stall) for a reason. He's part of our family and we want him here with us."

BRUINS FORWARD BRAD MARCHAND

A little background is necessary here. Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference purchased the tacky, black-white-and-gold throwback to the disco era off eBay late in the season for $35.

His plan was to wear it himself, mostly around the dressing room, as a gag. But when other players started modelling it, an idea was born.

The jacket would be presented to the Bruin judged by the previous winner to have been the biggest factor in a victory. The honouree would then be obliged to wear it in post-game interviews with the media. Even monstrous Zdeno Chara tried squeezing into it one night. It was always good for a few yuks.

Horton was the last to earn it. He scored the only goal late in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference final against Tampa and wore it in giddy excitement as the Bruins celebrated their first trip to the Stanley Cup final since 1990.

After losing the first two games of the final, Horton was at the receiving end of a devastatingly late and high bodycheck from Vancouver defenceman Aaron Rome in Game 3.

The hit was just five minutes into the game but the Bruins, later saying they rallied around Horton, went on to crush the Canucks 8-1.

When it came time to present the retro coat, the players decided it should remain where it was.

When asked who made the call to leave the jacket where it was, Ference said, "We all talked about it. It was everybody."

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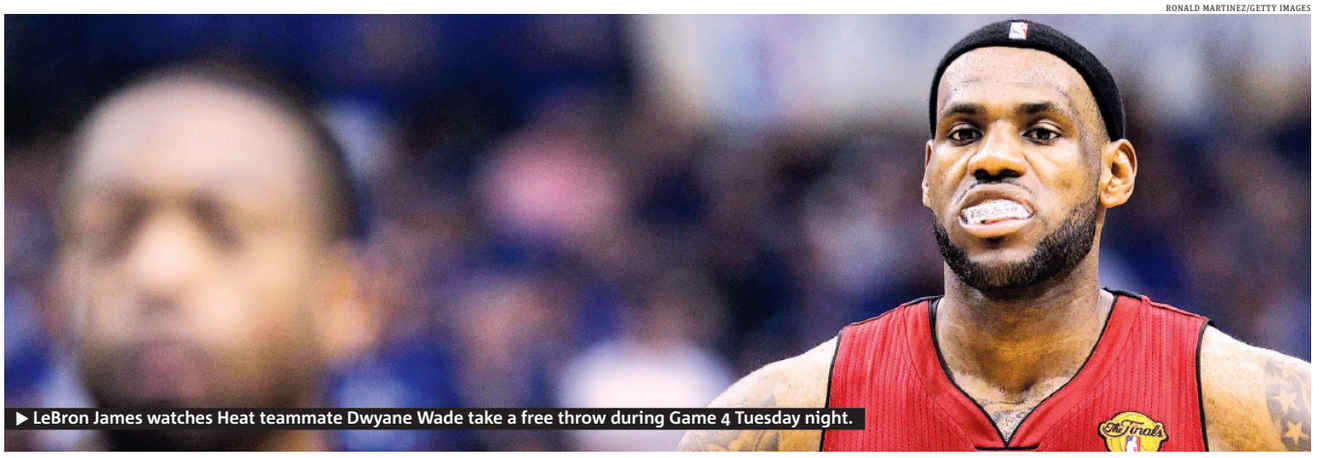

▶ LeBron James watches Heat teammate Dwyane Wade take a free throw during Game 4 Tuesday night.

LeBron slips into series background

James' eight-point Game 4 more than 20 below career playoff average

The NBA final between Miami and Dallas is a best-of-three series now, and LeBron James is coming off the worst scoring night of his professional playoff career.

No better time than now for a turnaround, the Heat forward said.

"I think it's that time," James said. "I think it's that time that I try to get myself going individually."

Said Heat guard Dwyane Wade: "Sounds good to me."

James' words surely sound good to the rest of the Heat, too. Game 5 of the NBA final is tonight in Dallas, the Heat and Mavericks tied at two games apiece, and all eyes — more than usual, if that's possible — will see how James bounces back from a stunning Game 4 statline.

He was held to eight points on 3-for-11 shooting in Miami's 86-83 loss.

So far in the final, he has nine points in the fourth quarter. To put that in perspective, Dirk Nowitzki had 10 in the final quarter of Game 4 alone.

"I didn't play well, especially offensively. I know that," James said. "I've got to do a better job of helping this team win basketball games, especially late, no matter what it is. If that's getting an offensive rebound, like I said, making a couple of baskets, being more aggressive to give my guys opportunities to get open looks I have to do that — that's what my job is. That's what I'm here for."

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said Miami will make some adjustments to help James' offensive flow in Game 5. The Mavericks may be providing James with some help as well.

On the eve of Game 5, Dallas guard DeShawn Stevenson directed some sharp words toward James, saying he "checked out" in the final minutes of Game 4 on Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Statistical stalemate

After Game 4, some of the statistical similarities between the Heat and Mavs are absurd.

- **Points:** Miami is averaging 89, Dallas 87.8.
- **Rebounds:** Dallas is averaging 40, Miami 39.
- **Field-goal %:** Miami 42.8, Dallas 41.4.
- **Three-point %:** Miami 34.5, Dallas 34.2.

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NHL

New GM brings high standards to Winnipeg

It was a poorly kept secret but yesterday it became official — Kevin Cheveldayoff is leaving the Chicago Blackhawks to become general manager of Winnipeg's as-yet unnamed NHL team.

"Growing up on the Prairies I played my hockey just a little way down the road in Brandon," the native of Blaine Lake, Sask., said at his first news conference after signing a five-year deal with the team.

"(Winnipeg's GM) was a natural fit for me. It was almost too good to be true."

Cheveldayoff worked his way up in the Chicago organization to the position of assistant general manager and thanked his former bosses for letting him take the next step.

True North Entertainment and Sports, which bought the former Atlanta Thrashers and is moving the team to Winnipeg, announced on the weekend that it would not be keeping Rick Dudley as GM. But even before that, Cheveldayoff's name was being kicked around in the local media.

Yesterday he talked about what he knows he has to do. For example, one of the first phone calls he plans to make will be to Atlanta Thrashers captain Andrew Ladd.

"Andrew and I have a pretty good relationship based on the year that we spent together in the Blackhawk organization," he said.

"He is a big, big piece of this franchise moving forward and we'd like to discuss things sooner rather than later."

The left-winger played in Chicago before he was traded to Atlanta last year. He led Atlanta in scoring and is set to become a restricted free agent this summer.

Cheveldayoff and assistant GM Craig Heisinger know they have a lot of work to do.

"We're going to set the bar very, very high and we're going to push people very hard," said Cheveldayoff. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stampeders go high tech on head hits

The Calgary Stampeders are delving into the mystery of concussions with a high-tech helmet.

The inner crown of the headgear is ringed by sensors that measure the number of hits to the head a player takes, what part of the head is contacted and the force of the impact.

Stampeders medical director Pat Clayton then takes the helmet to his office and a scanner reads the data and computer softwear graphs a chart for him.

"The number of hits these guys take in any given game is very high," Clayton said yesterday. "Offensive linemen average out between 86 and 92. That's a lot of hits to the head.

"Do they result in concussions? Not necessarily, but if they do we'll be able to find out why, where, how much speed was involved in that and how much impact was involved."

This is the fourth season the Stamps have collected information from the IQ Hit helmet and they were the first team in the CFL to do so. Calgary has eight of them now and they cost about $1,000 each, compared to $300 for a standard helmet. Other teams in the CFL are now using the helmets, Clayton said.

Clayton isn't sure how the information may help concussion prevention yet, because he's still gathering data. But it can help pinpoint the type of contact that causes concussions.

"Is there a relationship between where that hit is and a concussion result? That's what we're looking for," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Stampeder Joffrey Reynolds at CFL camp.

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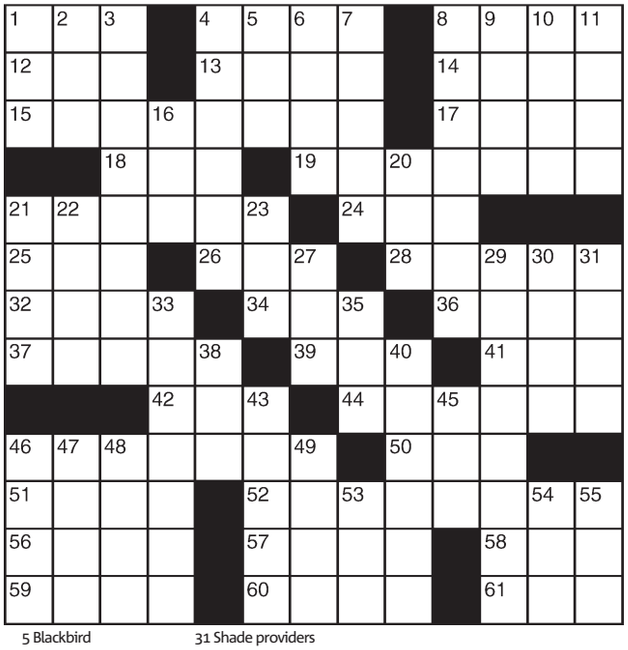

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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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Jonathan Lépine, I love the way you make me so happy,and the ways you show you care.I love the way you say, "I Love You,"and the way you're always there. It's been a year and it still feels like the first time we met. je t'aime mon amour xoxo **FANNY ELIMO**

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you can quiet your mind for just a few minutes, you will discover what needs to be done.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You're popular right now. So long as you don't take liberties with loved ones, it will be a great day.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Face up to your emotional problems and sort them out once and for all.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Affairs of the heart should not be rushed. Take your time with a relationship today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't let feelings get in the way of the fact that people may mislead you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't go over the top and declare your undying passion for someone you may well have forgotten about by this time next week.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Money and status are important, of course, but love makes the world go 'round. It's all about balance.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't let anything stop you from going out and having a good time.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Spend time by yourself. Don't worry that friends might think you aren't being sociable.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try not to condemn people just because they don't possess your intelligence and understanding of life.

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